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Edinburgh, Tuesday, July 2, 1728.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, June 25.

Soissons, June 24. The following Orders have been made, to be observed during the Congress.

1. WHen the Plenipotentiaries come to assist in the Conferences on publick Affairs, their Retinue shall be composed of one Gentleman, a Secretary, 2 Pages, 4 Footmen, and if it be desired, 2 Heidukes. 2. The Conferences shall be held without observing either Ceremony or Rank, at a round Table, where is no Place higher or lower than another, and at which the Plenipotentiaries shall seat themselves as they come thither. 3. The Coaches shall range themselves in the Court of the Castle as they arrive, leaving however the Passage free. 4. All Differences and Quarrels between the Coachmen and other meaner Domesticks shall be prevented, and Orders shall be given them to treat one another friendly, and to succour each other mutually. 5. When two Coaches meet in narrow Passages, the Coachmen, without the least Difference who shall be first or last, shall open and make Passage, and he that shall be first called upon to stop, shall give Way to the other if he can. 6. In passing, as well within as without the City, in the Streets or on the Roads, each shall give Way without the least Quarrel or Pretension to Precedency. 7. The Pages and Livrymen, shall carry neither Stick, Sword, nor any Sort of Fire Arms, either openly or secretly, and are forbid to be out of the City or in the Streets late at Night, and those who contravene these Orders shall be severely punished. 8. When a Domestick of any Plenipotentiary shall be convicted of any Crime, whereby the publick Peace may be interrupted, the Plenipotentiary, after an Examination, which each Minister reserves to himself with regard to his Domestick, shall desist from any Right of punishing him as his Domestick, and depriving him of all Protection, shall deliver him into the Hands of the Judge of the Place, to be punished according to Law; and in Case any Domestick be taken by the Magistrate or by the Guet, in any Crime tending to the Perturbation of the publick Peace, it shall be permitted to arrest any such Domestick upon giving Intimation of the Matter to the Plenipotentiary; after which the Orders of the Plenipotentiary shall be executed, be they either for committing him to Prison or releasing him. 9. If any Domestick of a Plenipotentiary shall attack another Domestick of any Plenipotentiary, the Aggressor shall be immediately delivered to the Master offended, who shall exercise such Justice on him as he shall think fit. 10. All the Plenipotentiaries shall forbid severely their Domesticks, as well Gentlemen, Pages as others, to have any Quarrels or Disputes among themselves; if however any Difference should arise, and that if a Domestick shall arm himself against his Adversary, he shall be driven without any Excuse out of the House of the Plenipotentiary, and even out of the City 11. The Plenipotentiaries shall promise mutually not to take into their Service any Domestick who shall be turned out of his Master's House, or who shall quit it without his Consent. 12. If any Plenipotentiary is desirous that any one of his Domesticks may be punished with imprisonment, he shall be confined and maintained at the Expence of the Plenipotentiary. 13. All these Measures for preserving Harmony and good Order, shall not serve for Example, or be of any Prejudice in any other Place, Time or Conjuncture. 14. The Plenipotentiaries are to give the Names of all their Domesticks, in order to prevent Villains having any Opportunity for passing for Domesticks of any Plenipotentiary.

From the London Evening-Post, June 25.

Warsaw, June 12. Count Ossolinski, Treasurer of the Court, went hence last Monday to the King at Frawstadt, where his Majesty is expected the 18th of this Month, there to sign and send away the circular Letters for the holding of the General Diet, and to consult the Ministers and Senators of the Kingdom on several Affairs of the Republick, and

and particularly on the Articles fit to be propoſed to the Conſideration of the next Diet. Letters from the Frontiers import, That the Cham of the Tartars having been joined by a conſiderable Body of Turkiſh Troops, was in full March to go give Battle to Sultan Dely, who is entred into Crim Tartary with a conſiderable Army, compoſed of Calmucks, Coſſacks and other Nations.

Peterſburg, June 8. Two Fregats are fitting out here in all Haſte, to ſail to Holſtein and take on board the Corpſe of the Dutcheſs of Holſtein Gottorp. They are likewiſe to bring back all the Ruſſian Domeſticks of the ſaid Princeſs. A general Mourning is ordered for the Death of her Royal Highneſs. Count Wratiſlaw, Ambaſſador of the Emperor of Germany, having received Advice from Mr. Hocholt, the Imperial Reſident at Moſcow, that the Time of the Czar's Departure from thence was very uncertain; and Aſſurances coming at the ſame time from Baron Oſterman, that the Emperor would be glad to ſee him, his Excellency is ſet out with all poſſible Privacy for Moſcow, after having two Days ago been ſplendidly regaled by Count Munich in his Garden.

From the Evening Poſt, June 25.

Dantzick, June 15. They write from Warſaw, That ſeveral Poliſh Grandees are gone as far as the Borders of Sileſia to meet the King, and endeavour to perſwade his Majeſty not to hold the *Senatus Conſilium* at Frawſtadt, but Warſaw, and entreat him to reſide in that Capital till the Opening of the Diet, becauſe there will be greater Debates in the ſame than has been known for many Years. Moreover 'tis talked, that there is a Confederacy on foot in Poland.

Soiſſons, June 24. Mondays and Thurſdays are the Days ſettled for holding the Conferences.

London, June 25. We hear from Canterbury, that a large Fiſh 30 Foot long was caught on Whitmonday between Hockenburgh and Stile Bridges, in Kent, in a Draw Net; it is of a ſtrange Figure, and no Man that hath ſeen it can tell what it is.

S. S. Stock, 104, 5 8ths.

From the Poſt Boy June, 25.

London, June 25. His Majeſty has ordered the Regiment commanded by the Lord Carpenter to be reviewed by the Duke of Argyle.

Dublin, June 15. Our Parliament is prorogued to Thurſday the 19th December.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, June 25.

Conſtantinople, May 13. The Printing office ſet up by the Grand Viſier is almoſt brought to Perfection: No leſs than 36 Apprentices are now actually at Work under the Direction of 8 Maſters, moſt of them Grecians, but perfect Maſters of the Language of this Country. Our Youth take Delight in the Work, and Specimens of the Greek, Arabick and the Turkiſh Tongues have been already preſented to the chief Officers of the Porte, who receive them with much Pleaſure, notwithſtanding the Menaces of the Mufti, who chafes and fumes againſt this Novelty, tho' it be not forbid by the Alcoran: But by a Spirit of Propheſy, he treats this Eſtabliſhment as one of the Scourges of Heaven no leſs prejudicial to the Subjects of his Sublime Highneſs, than the Plague which makes ſo great Havock among them. 'Tis reported that the Viſier threatens to have him depoſed, if he will not govern his Tongue, and leave off railing as he does againſt it.

Tetuan, May 17. We have received Advice from Mequinez, That Muley Abdelmelech, who had been proclaimed King in the Room of his Brother, had made his Entry there with great Pomp, with the Acclamations of all the Inhabitants; That immediately after his Arrival, he appointed ſeveral great Men to go to Mecca, to carry rich Preſents to Mahomet's Tomb, and to thank that Prophet for the Favours which he has been pleaſed to grant him. He is a very courteous Prince, and has made ſuch wiſe Regulations for the Adminiſtration of Juſtice throughout his whole Empire, that there is all Reaſon to expect his Reign will be mild.

Tunis, May 22. The Confuſion is ſtill great in this City ſince the Departure of the Bey, who is marched at the Head of 2000 Men to reduce his rebellious Nephew who lies encamp'd ſome Leagues hence. The Senate, tho' likewiſe divided among themſelves, have joined with the Inhabitants to act in Concert, and put this Place in a State of Defence again the French, who we expect will ſhortly bombard us with a ſtrong Squadron.

London, June 25. The Counteſs of Pittenburgh, her Majeſty's Aunt, who has reſided here about 12 Years,

Years, is taking Leave of their Majesties and the Nobility, in order to return to Germany. One of the Royal Yatchts is ordered to transport the said Lady and the Dutchess of Richmond to Holland.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, June 27.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France, and one from Holland.

SHould our Expectations of seeing Peace and Tranquillity soon restor'd, happen to fail, (which however is unforeseen) our Navy, which is the Glory and Strength of the Nation, can, upon any Emergency, be speedily be mann'd with able Sailors, from the great Encouragement given them by the late Act. By the Accounts delivered in to the Parliament, it appeared, that the Expence of impressing Seamen from Christmass 1725 to do. 1727, amounts to 85281. and that the Number of impress'd Seamen in the said Time, was 15216, of which, 8883 were rated able Seamen.

S. S. Stock is 105, 14th for the Opening. Mean time the Actions of the Ostend Company are, according to Letters from Brussels which came by the Holland Mail Yesterday, risen to 195; which is said to be on account of the Arrival of an Express there the 26th from Soissons. But what were the Contents they do not mention.

By Letters from Vienna we learn, That Count Kinski was still there, but it was generally believed would set out in a very short Time for the Court of Great Britain, in quality of Ambassador of his Imperial Majesty.

'Tis wrote from Bologna, that the Chevalier de St. George and his eldest Son arrived the 11th Inst. at Parma, amidst the Discharge of the Cannon of that City's Ramparts. The same Evening they were visited and complimented by the Duke of Parma; and next Day they were splendidly entertained at Court. And from Genoa, That Cardinal Alberoni was embarked there for Madrid, where it was not doubted he would be again at the Helm of Affairs.

The Accounts we have by the French Mail as to the Congress of Soissons, are, that the Plenipotentiaries have paid to Cardinal Fleury the Honour due to his Rank as Cardinal; and that Count Zinzendorf, First Plenipotentiary of the Emperor, was to set out in a few Days on his Return to Vienna, leaving at the Congress the Count de Windisgratz and Baron Bentenrider.

The Letters from Paris of the 3d July say they are making great Preparations at th' Hotel de Ville for Rejoicings when the Queen is delivered. They add, That the King being a-hunting last Week, his Horse started and capper'd in such a Manner, that his Majesty was obliged to throw himself off, but got no Hurt.

Letters this Post from Dublin give Account, that Dr. Clayton, who is now in England, having left at Trinity College with a Gentleman his Friend, a conditional written Resignation of his Fellowship in the said College, which was not known or made publick till the 17th Inst. this made a 4th Vacancy; and the 4 Fellows chosen that Evening, were the Rev. Mr. Donellow, Mr. Dundass, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Hudson. The Examination for filling of these Vacancies were very strict: Dr. Rogers examined the Logicks; Dr. Heisham, Mathematicks; Dr. Helwood, Philosophy; Dr. Gilbert, Chronology and History; Dr. Balveen, Humanity and the Latin Classicks; and Dr. Thomson, in the Greek and Hebrew.

Tomorrow the Hon. Sir Robert Walpole sets out for Norfolk. 'Tis said he has subscribed 500 l. towards building a Bridge over the Thames from Fulham to Putney.

Private Letters from Spain this Day intimate, That the Edict to oblige Ships to perform Quarentaine, is put in Execution; and that the English are on as good a Footing as the French and Portugueſe.

Yesterday Sir Edmund Bacon and Collonel Herbert were chosen Knights of the Shire for Norfolk.

'Tis given out, That the Lords of the Treasury have ordered Money to pay all the Arrears due by the late King to our Ministers at Foreign Courts, amounting to about 70,000 l. 'Tis not doubted but there will be an ample Compensation for all our Expences.

From the London Evening-Post. June 27.

Bologna, June 11. The Chevalier de St. George, who was believed to have set out for Parma the 5th of this Month, returned hither unexpectly in the Evening, having been only at Castle Franco, to con-

confer with the Lord Inverneſs on Affairs of Importance: However he actually ſet out on Wedneſday laſt for the Court of Parma, accompanied by the Captain of the Irish Guards: His eldeſt Son, who ſet out the Day before to go to lie at Fort Urban, came to him on Thurſday Morning at the appointed Place, and that Day in the Evening they arrived together Parma, amidſt the Diſcharge of the Cannon of that City's Ramparts; they went to lie in the Monaſtery of the Benedictines of St. John, where, by the Duke of Parma's Orders, Apartments had been prepared for their Lodging, and where they are to be treated with great Magnificence, during their whole Stay at Parma. The ſame Evening the Duke of Parma went thither to viſit and compliment the ſaid Chevalier, who went afterwards with his Son to make a Viſit to the Dutcheſs of Parma: They next Day they went with all their Retinue to ſee the Delicious Country Seat of Colorne, where having ſtayed the Saturday following, they were moſt ſplendidly treated and ſerved by the Officers and Coaches of the Court: In the Evening they returned to Parma, to partake of the Diverſions which the moſt Serene Duke gave there on occaſion of his Marriage with one of the Princeſſes of Modena.

Paris, July 3. The Duke of Richlieu arrived laſt Week from Italy.

London, July 27. The Counteſs of Mar is ſet out for Scotland.

Edinburgh, July 2. By private Letters from the North we learn, That on the 16th and 17th paſt there had been in ſeveral Places the moſt terrible Claps of Thunder and Lightning that have been known; and that in the Lordſhip of Strathavin, in the Shire of Bamff, there fell about the ſame Time, Hailſtones full 3 Inches round. On this Occaſion we ſee here the following Letter.

Fochabris, June 19, 1728.

I Cannot omit to give you this Piece of melancholly News, of the Loſs this Country has ſuſtained on the 17th inſtant. viz. At Leechiſton, (where you know the Charity School was kept) we had terrible Claps of Thunder with great Lightning, from 11 before Noon till Evening. At One in the Afternoon the Thunder broke at Leetchiſton on the Charity School, beat down the Maſter, killed two of the Scholars, and all the reſt of the Boys lay dead for a Quarter of an Hour, but recovered again, except the aforeſaid Two; and ever ſince there is ſuch a pernicious Smell that no Body can enter the ſaid School. Further, ſeven Miles up the Country, four Men and one Woman are thereby killed; as are nigh to Tynet, ſeveral Oxen, Ducks, Fowls, &c. And what is moſt ſurprizing, when I was Surveying this Town on the 17th at paſt 11 before Noon, Lumps of Ice as big as my Thumb fell, which did not melt for the Space of 12 Minutes, notwithſtanding the Day was prodigious warm. This being Matter of Fact, pray order it to be inſert in the News-papers. which will be a ſingular Favour done to,

SIR, *Yours, &c.*

Mr. Stirling of Keir is enlarged from his Confinement in the Caſtle, in virtue of his Majeſty's Pardon.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

☞ The Stage Coaches betwixt Edinburgh and Leith being to be ſet a-going again: Any Gentleman or others who have Black or Bay ſtonn'd Horſes or Geldings to be ſold, fit for that Purpoſe, are deſir'd to give Notice by a Letter, directed to the Undertakers at their Offices either at Edinburgh or Leith, (mentioning their Age and Size) betwixt and the 22d July Inſtant.

¶*¶ That whereas the Roup of the Ship Concord of Prieſtonpans, Stephen Jollie late Maſter, was adjourned to the 4th Day of July. theſe are therefore to give Advertiſement, That the ſaid Ship, of Burden 120 Tons or thereby, free Bottom, is to be expoſed to publick voluntary Roup, on Thurſday the fourth of July, in the Houſe of George Mackenzie at Port Seton. The Inventary of the ſaid Ship is to be ſeen at the Laigh Coffeehouſe in Edinburgh, the Coffeehouſe in Leith, and at the ſaid George Mackenzie's Houſe, where the Articles of the Roup are likeways to be ſeen.

By the Commiſſioners and Truſtees for Improving Fiſheries and Manufactories in Scotland.

Whereas his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to Empower them to lay out the Sum of 2000 l. ſterl. for the Encouragement of ſuch Perſons as ſhall contract with them to fit up ſufficient Bleaching Fields in Scotland: Therefore Notice is hereby given to all Perſons who intend to fit up ſuch Fields, That they give in their Propoſals to DAVID FLINT, their Secretary, on or before the laſt Day of September next; in which Propoſals they are to mention the Extent of the Field, the County and Place it lies in, the Water it is to be ſupplied with, and the Character of the Perſon or Perſons that are to direct and carry on the Work.

*** That the Lands and Houſes belonging to Thomas Veitch Surgeon in Edinburgh, and diſponed by him to Truſtees for Behoof of his Creditors, are to be expoſed to Sale by the ſaid Truſtees, by way of voluntar Roup, together or in Parcels, upon Tueſday the 16th of July Inſt, in the Houſe of Patrick Herdman Vintner, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon. Any Perſon having a mind to purchaſe, may ſee the Rental, Progreſs and Conditions of Sale in the Hands of James Veitch, at William Veitch's Writing-chamber at Don's Cloſs-head.